

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 1373
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Application Number: 10/550,610)	Examiner: John D. Freeman
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Filed: September 9, 2006)	
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For:)	
A SHEET MATERIAL FOR FORMING APPLICATIONS, METAL CONTAINER MADE FROM SUCH A SHEET MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAID SHEET MATERIAL		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b were cited in co-pending US Application No. 10/545,800 (filed August 16, 2005) having inventors in common with the present application. On August 20, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a Non-final Office Action in 10/545,800. Copies of the Final Office Action as well as the Published Application are also enclosed.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from the US Patent Office in a potentially related US patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the final office action on the merits but before issuance of the Notice of Allowance. Therefore, the \$180.00 IDS filing fee is respectfully submitted herewith. However, in the event any additional fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

Respectfully submitted,

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